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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The applicant filed a German patent application, No. 199 25 167.3, on June 1, 1999 (the German application"). On May 20, 2000 a PCT application, WO 00/73236 (PCT/EP 00/04597) (the "PCT application") was filed with the European Patent Office designating the United States, which PCT application claimed priority from that German application. The applicant now wishes to enter the U.S. national phase by filing the attached patent application (the "Application"). The Application which is attached to this Preliminary Amendment as Exhibit A is a translation of that PCT application as originally filed in German. This translation of the PCT application forms the basis for the Application to be reviewed by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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